



MINUTES

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRADE COMMITTEE

Friday, October 18, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | 20 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Co-chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-chair
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Michael K. McKell
Speaker Brad R. Wilson

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Mr. Chuck Gates, International Affairs
Coordinator
Ms. Leila Reynolds, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Co-chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

1 . Utah Valley University Foreign Consul/Diplomatic Event & Dinner

Dr. Baldomero Lago explained what the event is and its purpose.

The committee asked questions of Dr. Lago as he presented.

2 . World Trade Center Utah Report

Miles Hansen, President and CEO, World Trade Center Utah, gave an overview of the efforts World Trade Center UT in the past year and for 2020.

The committee made comments and asked questions as Miles Hansen continued with their presentation.

3 . Liaoning Reciprocal Visit, May 15-23, 2020

Chuck Gates went into detail on the tentative reciprocal visit to Liaoning Province scheduled for May of 2020.

The committee discussed details on what the reciprocal visit would entail.

Miles Hansen commented on the concerns from Rep. Hutchings regarding actually getting follow-through and closing deals when there is reach out during trade missions and legislative visits to other locations.

Dan Stephenson made comments regarding foreign direct investment from China.

4 . 4th US-China Sub-National Legislatures Cooperation Forum

Chuck Gates informed the committee about Sen. Anderegg's invitation to attend the 4th US-China Sub-national Legislatures Forum.

5 . Economic Bridge International Report

Dan Stephenson, Director, Economic Bridge Impact, spoke on the possible impacts Sen. Anderegg and Rep. Hutchings may encounter while visiting the Shanghai Expo due to the partial US-China trade agreement.



The committee asked questions of Dan Stephenson as he presented.

6 . Invitation to visit Kurdistan

Chair Bramble discussed the invitation by the Kurdish Ambassador to the legislators, followed by committee discussion.

7 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Wheatley moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-4

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. R. Spendlove
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. J. Anderegg
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. B. Wilson

The committee adjourned at 11:24 a.m.